



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: U.S. Citizens

FROM: ACS Unit

DATE: June 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Demonstrations Near Santiago

The following Warden Message is being transmitted to alert U.S. citizens to demonstrations in the environs of Santiago. There have been continuing demonstrations in towns and municipalities north of Santiago, including Navarrete, Portrero, and Esperanza against lack of road repairs and unreliable public services. Some have turned violent and press reports indicate that there has been one death and several arrests. Protests have also occurred in towns along the Luperon highway connecting Santiago and Puerto Plata. Americans should exercise caution in and around these areas. Demonstrations are expected to continue through the remainder of this week and could expand to other areas.

Demonstrations take place in the Dominican Republic from time to time in response to world events or local developments. American citizens are reminded that demonstrations do not generally occur in areas frequented by tourists and are generally not targeted at foreigners. American citizens should be aware, however, that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Street crowds should be avoided. In urban areas, travel should be conducted on main routes whenever possible.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-

731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.